

Utah Veterans' Advisory Council  
Minutes of Monthly Meeting  
August 18, 2010

**Place:** 4<sup>th</sup> floor Director's Conference Room, at the new VA Regional Office, 570 Foothill Blvd.

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Members Present:** Glen Bradford, Bart Davis, Dennis Howland, Frank Maughan, Marion Pockrus

**Excused:** Mark Bilosz, Johnnie Janes, Thad Jensen, Terry Schow, Doug Wadsworth

**Secretary:** Alan Ferner

**Guests:** Mike Baker, Dale Brockbank, Pat David, Larry Dawson, Chuck Hoepfner, Milo Quiroz, Gil Talkington

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Frank Maughan. Frank welcomed those in attendance.
2. The minutes of our 21 July meeting were reviewed and approved by the members of the Council.
3. Larry Dawson briefed the Council on additional Utah Veterans' Nursing Homes, in Utah County and Southern Utah. With regard to site selection, Glen Bradford stated that land in Spanish Fork is available and ready to be donated. The site selection committee will be formed when appropriate, and determine the criteria for selecting the Southern Utah site.
4. Frank Maughan addressed the entrance realignment for the Veterans' Cemetery.
5. Subcommittee on Legislation: Frank Maughan advised that he has received legislative recommendations from the MOPH, but has not yet received recommendations from the American Legion, DAV and VFW. The proposals from the MOPH included establishing a "Veterans Court." He reminded the organizations that we will prioritize legislative proposals at our September meeting.
6. City Cemetery Tombstone Restoration Subcommittee: no report.
7. Wall that Heals Subcommittee: Frank Maughan advised that he does not anticipate availability of a "Wall that Heals" at any time in the near future.
8. Fisher House Subcommittee: Mike Quiroz reported that the outlook for near term construction of the Fisher House at the VA Medical Center looks very good.
9. Veterans' Picnic Subcommittee: Bart Davis briefed us on the "Governors Day" at Rice Eccles Stadium on 18 Sept. Larry Dawson reported on the plans for the Utah State Fair.
10. We discussed the concept of a "Veterans Friendly" certificate for private nursing homes.
11. Frank Maughan adjourned the meeting at 5:02 PM. The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, September 15th, at 4:00 PM, in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor Director's Conference Room, at the new VA Regional Office, 570 Foothill Blvd, SLC.